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The Honorable David Obey, Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-218, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-218, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis,

I am requesting funding in the FY10 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, General Investigation account for the US Army Corp of Engineers. The entity to receive funding for this project is the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to deepen the Savannah River Federal navigation channel from -42 feet MLW to as much as -48 feet MLW, allowing the GPA to more efficiently serve the demands of U.S. Commerce; remain a valuable asset to the marine transportation system; and handle the currently constrained vessels calling the port, as well as the larger vessels expected to call the port following the Panama Canal expansion. Funding of \$1,300,000 is needed for oversight and completion of project reviews. The General Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement will be in the review process and will need to be managed to completion by the Corps. These funds are critical to study completion for the project to move to construction.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me. I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by the Committee, that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

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